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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 12 December 2007.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-7 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-7 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 17 April 2001 is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☒ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

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Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

Drawings

The drawings are objected to as failing to comply with 37 CFR 1.84(p)(4) because reference character "9" has been used to designate both a loudspeaker cabinet and speaker in Figure 2b. Corrected drawing sheets in compliance with 37 CFR 1.121(d) are required in reply to the Office action to avoid abandonment of the application. Any amended replacement drawing sheet should include all of the figures appearing on the immediate prior version of the sheet, even if only one figure is being amended. Each drawing sheet submitted after the filing date of an application must be labeled in the top margin as either "Replacement Sheet" or "New Sheet" pursuant to 37 CFR 1.121(d). If the changes are not accepted by the examiner, the applicant will be notified and informed of any required corrective action in the next Office action. The objection to the drawings will not be held in abeyance.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

Claims 1-7 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Kelly et al. U.S. Patent No. 6,526,150.

Regarding claim 1, Kelly discloses a cabinet (phone housing) for an electronic device (telephone) equipped with a loudspeaker (28) for audio reproduction (reproduces sound from voice communication of speaker on sending phone) wherein said cabinet comprises a first cabinet (outer housing formed from base 22 and top cover 24) for housing electrical and mechanical components (transceiver, circuit board, buttons, etc) of the electronic device having a first wall (22) and a second wall (24), characterized in that the first cabinet has a confining area (screw posts 58, 59 with shoulder gaskets 50, 52 and apertures 46,48 including wall 26) for connecting the first wall (22) and the second wall (24) and for accommodating a separate second cabinet (30) for said loudspeaker, wherein a sidewall (26) of the second cabinet is formed to follow the shape of the confining area (26 follows the shape by forming a smooth transition to top cover 24 through TPE gaskets 43 as shown in Figure 2), and wherein the second cabinet is connected to the first cabinet in a non-detachable manner (Cabinet is assembled with fasteners 71 and 73 for permanent construction and is not intended to be disassembled) (See Figs. 1 and 2 and col. 2, lines 31-35, col. 3, lines 17-38 and col. 4, lines 12-46).

Regarding claim 2, Kelly further discloses that a vibration damping means (43) is arranged between the first cabinet and the second cabinet (See Fig. 2).

Regarding claim 4, Kelly further discloses the first cabinet is provided with urging means (50, 52, shoulder gaskets) pressing the second cabinet against the first cabinet (See Fig. 2).

Regarding claim 5, Kelly further discloses urging means (50,52) are arranged such that the second cabinet is pressed against a vibration damping means (43) (See Fig. 2).

Regarding claim 6, Kelly further discloses the confining area of the first cabinet has substantially no openings (The first cabinet is a self contained telephone enclosure and inherently has substantially no openings).

Regarding claim 7, Kelly further discloses the first cabinet has protrusions (As seen in Fig. 2, protrusions extend from top cover 24 to provide a contact surface with TPE gaskets 24) at least partly surrounding the confining area for accommodating the second cabinet and vibration damping means (See Fig. 2).

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claim 3 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Kelly et al..

Regarding claim 3, Kelly discloses a cabinet as claimed. Kelly does not expressly disclose that inside the second cabinet, electronic circuitry is arranged. However, Kelly does teach the second cabinet is a sealed airtight chamber behind the speaker (See col. 3, line 64 to col. 4, line 10). Therefore, It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to place electronics for specific speaker operation in the enclosed space to reduce the overall size of the cabinet.

Response to Arguments

Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 1-7 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Brian Ensey whose telephone number is 571-272-7496. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday - Friday 6:00 AM - 2:30 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Sinh Tran can be reached on 571-272-7564. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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